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## School Bus Collisions Decline in 2005

Washington State Patrol (WSP) Commercial Vehicle Division Captain Coral Estes announced today a 27 percent drop in the number of school bus collisions for 2005.

The decline comes as WSP and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), partner in an effort to reduce the number of school bus collisions.

“WSP Academy driving staff is instructing school bus driver trainers in the classroom and on our driving course how to better avoid collisions and driving habits that may contribute to them,” said Estes. “Driver trainers then return to their respective school districts and share the information with their fellow school bus drivers.”

2005 saw a significant drop in the number of school bus driver caused collisions. In 2004 there were 90 school bus driver caused collisions compared to only 38 in 2005. Working with the state school bus driver trainers, WSP and OSPI hope to continue to see the number of school bus collisions in Washington State decline.

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